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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/227,881
Filed: January 11, 1999
Title: *Nucleic Acids, Kits and Methods for the Diagnosis, Prognosis and Treatment of Glaucoma and Related Disorders*
Applicants: Thai D. NGUYEN *et al.*
Atty. Docket No.: 16491.066

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO):

1. a Response to the Office Action dated June 3, 2004; and
2. an Interview Summary.

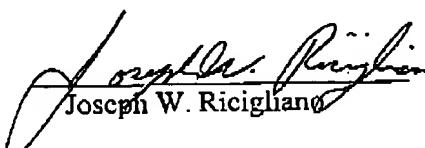
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Respectfully submitted,



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Appn. No.: 09/227,881

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Interview Summary

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Sir:

In response to the Interview Summary received from the Examiner during the interview of August 31, 2004, Applicants submit the following summary.

Personal Interview, in Attendance

Assistant Examiner: James D. Schultz

Supervisory Patent Examiner John LeGuyader

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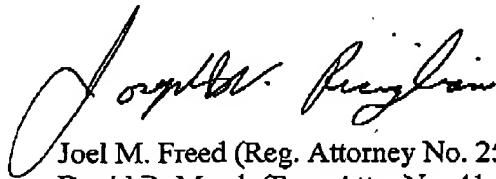
- 1) Exhibits: No additional exhibits were provided
- 2) Claims Discussed: See Summary, *infra*.
- 3) Cited Art Discussed: Becker *et al*
- 4) Amendments discussed: See Summary, *infra*.

5) Summary: The discussion included the rejection under 102(b) over the Becker reference and the double patenting rejections. The Examiner indicated that if the rejection was to be maintained he would indicate the sequences relied upon in formulating the rejection. The suggestion was made to submit amended claims directed to a fragment of SEQ ID NO: 3 and SEQ ID NO: 34 and their effect on overcoming the rejection under 112 first paragraph.

6) Other Matters: None

7) General Result: While no final agreement was reached, Examiners Schultz and LeGuyader provided helpful insight and suggestions to advance the prosecution of the application.

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